

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A telematic display device, comprising:

telecommunication means ~~capable of~~ for interacting with a data exchange network[[.]]; and

a user interface ~~capable of interacting~~ configured to interact with the telecommunication means ~~in order~~ to display information drawn and data received,

wherein the telecommunication means are configured to receive meteorological data, from which is drawn a display on the user interface, ~~wherein~~ ;

the telecommunication means ~~are configured to interact~~ interacts spontaneously with a station independently of any action by a user ~~in order on the one hand~~ to define a geographical area, and ~~on the other hand~~ to ~~access~~ receive substantially regularly a data set comprising rainfall forecast/duration pairs, which are valid in the geographical area for consecutive periods, said data set being dated by a time mark generator;

the user interface [[has]] includes a field of ordered display segments, each capable of being displayed in plural states[[.]]; and

the display device further ~~comprising~~ includes a pilot ~~capable of reacting~~ configured to react to receiving [[a]] the data set by updating [[the]] a state of at least [[some]] one of the display segments, selectively according to the received rainfall forecast/duration pairs ~~which data received contain~~ and according to a relation between the time mark generator of said data set and a temporal reference of the segments.

2. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 1, wherein the pilot processes the segments relative to a segment of origin which indicates the temporal reference, modulo a

selected periodicity, and wherein upon receiving ~~[[a]]~~ the data set, said pilot updates at least a display segment corresponding to new data.

3. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 1, wherein the segment preceding that of a current forecast is subject to a distinctive display.

4. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 1, wherein the user interface also comprises a display element of a time and the pilot is further configured to update said display element according to the time mark generator.

5. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 1, wherein the user interface comprises a cursor to designate ~~capable of designating~~ one of the segments.

6. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 1, wherein the user interface further comprises a dial for the ~~analogue~~ analog display of ~~[[the]]~~ a present time, wherein the ordered field of display segments is ~~[[the]]~~ a counterpart of the dial.

7. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 5, wherein the cursor has a minute hand actuated according to the time mark generator.

8. (Previously Presented). A device according to claim 1, further comprising a memory for storing at least some of the data received.

9. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 1, wherein ~~[[a]]~~ the data set received comprises a sequence of data blocks or symbols relating to short consecutive periods

of rainfall forecast, the time mark generator relating to one of said blocks and, upon each reception, the user interface pilot is configured to make a state of the segments correspond to respective contents of at least some of the ~~[[said]]~~ data blocks.

10. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 9, wherein a short period associated with ~~[[a]]~~ each of the data ~~[[block]]~~ blocks is about 1 minute.

11. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 9, wherein the sequence of data blocks of one set relates to an overall duration at least equal to about three hours.

12. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 11, wherein an overall duration is about 1 hour.

13. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 1, wherein the field of segments extends in a substantially linear form.

14. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 1, wherein the field of segments extends in a substantially circular form.

15. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 1, wherein the telecommunication means ~~interact~~ interacts with ~~[[a]]~~ the station ~~in a manner capable of effecting at least partly the definition of~~ to define the geographical area.

16. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 1, wherein a definition of the geographical area is ~~effected~~ determined at least partly by data transmitted by the telecommunication means.

17. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 1, wherein the telecommunication means ~~interact~~ interacts with the network according to a period longer than 1 minute.

18. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 17, wherein the period is about 5 minutes.

19. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 1, wherein the rainfall forecasts represent the following rainfall states: absence of rain, fine or light rain, heavy or intense rain.

20. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 19, wherein an absence of rain is displayed on the user interface by a continuous light colour, the fine or light rain by lines, and the heavy or intense rain by a continuous dark coloration.

21. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 1, wherein the geographical area has a dimension substantially equal to 1 km<sup>2</sup>.

22. (Currently Amended) A method of telematic signalling, comprising ~~the following~~ steps:

interrogating a remote station ~~in order~~ to receive meteorological data therefrom[[,]];

displaying locally a representation of ~~[[said]]~~ the received meteorological data,  
wherein

said step of interrogating is carried out spontaneously and repetitively independently  
of any action by a user in a manner so as to define a geographical area and to receive have  
~~access~~ substantially regularly ~~[[to]]~~ a data set ~~comprising~~ including rainfall forecast/duration  
pairs, which are valid in the geographical area for consecutive periods, said data set being  
dated by a time mark generator~~[[,]]~~; and

said step of displaying comprises both updating of display segments ordered  
according to a field, wherein each display segment is capable of being displayed in plural  
states selectively according to the received rainfall forecast/duration pairs ~~which data~~  
~~received contain~~ and according to a relation between the time mark generator of said data set  
and a temporal reference of the segments.

23. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 22, further comprising  
repeating said steps of interrogating and displaying periodically, based on a period being of  
greater than 1 minute.

24. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 23, wherein the period is  
about 5 minutes.

25. (Previously Presented) A method according to one claim 22, wherein said step of  
displaying comprises displaying a distinctive state for a segment which precedes that of a  
current forecast.

26. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 22, wherein said step of displaying comprises updating, according to the time mark generator, ~~[[of]]~~ a display element of a time which the user interface comprises.

27. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 22, further comprising displaying on the user interface ~~[[the]]~~ a time relating to the display of the meteorological data according to a time mark generator and the temporal reference of the segments.

28. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 22, wherein said step of interrogating comprises receiving ~~[[a]]~~ the data set which ~~comprises~~ includes a sequence of data blocks or symbols relating to short consecutive periods of rainfall forecasting, the time mark generator relating to one of the blocks, and at each update, said step of displaying comprises placing in correspondence of ~~[[the]]~~ a state of the segments with the respective contents of at least ~~[[some]]~~ one of the data blocks.